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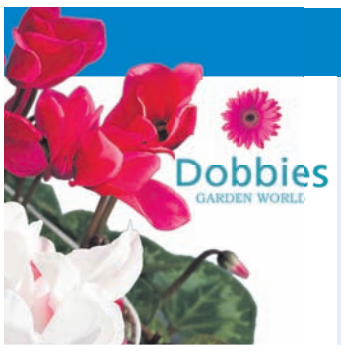

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'Nightmare house' is boarded up

DRUGS USED IN CHURCH PORCH

Ian Robinson, one of the parishioners concerned by the drugs found at the church.

Exclusive report by **David Simister**

Priest voices concern to police over capsules and remains of white powder

A PRIEST has complained to police about yobs using a village church porch as a place to take drugs.

Father Gordon Beattie, parish priest at Our Lady and All Saints Church, on Lancaster Lane, Parbold, said that he had found cigarette ends and capsules containing a white power in the porch. He has handed the substances to police.

Fr Beattie told the Champion that "quite often beer cans are left in the porch", but he is concerned that drug–taking has raised concerns "to a whole new level".

Fr Gordon said that the incident was the latest in a string of incidents linked to anti–social behaviour in the grounds of the Parbold church, and that he is calling on Lancashire Constabulary to provide more police officers to patrol the area.

The church has already acted locally to tackle the problem with parishioners volunteering to patrol the grounds and the possibility of installing CCTV is being considered.

But Fr Gordon feels that more police patrol cars visiting Alder Lane and Lancaster Lane would help deter yobs.

He said vandalism problems were ongoing and had previously caused distress to parishioners, including damage to church stoops (holy water containers). One of the stoops was stolen in the summer.

He added: "In addition four light bollards were vandalised – and broken. One was left with live wires exposed to all the passing school children".

"Some parishioners have volunteered to come up to the church in the evening whilst the possibility of CCTV is being considered."

Lancashire Constabulary confirmed it had been contacted about the incident, and said it was now investigating the drugs found at the church porch to establish exactly what they were.

A police spokesperson said: "We have been made aware that some unidentified medication had been found within the church grounds and enquiries are under way to establish exactly what this is."

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'We'll listen over new homes plan'

Report by **David Simister**

Council vows to consider views of residents before making decision

'WE'LL listen to residents' concerns over plans set to shape how West Lancashire will look in years to come', the borough council has promised

The Champion reported last week on plans by the local authority to build 4,650 new homes at sites across the borough in a bid to cope with future demand.

And at a meeting last Thursday (December 1) the council said that it had listened to the feedback it had been given during a consultation it had on its Local Development Framework earlier this year.

Councillor Martin Forshaw, the council's cabinet member for planning, said: "The council has selected its preferred option for where development may take place in West Lancashire over the next 15 years.

"This is an important step in deciding where and how West Lancashire will develop over the next few years.

"Once the document has been approved by Cabinet members, it will go out to the public for consultation.

"This will allow everyone who has an opinion to have their say on the plans and help shape the final decision, which will be made next year."

Cllr Forshaw added that the latest version of the development plans, now known as the Local Plan, will be available for further representation next year, with any comments being submitted to a Government inspector for an Examination in Public process.

The council's Labour opposition, however, claimed the council had avoided proper consultation with residents over the plans.

Councillor John Fillis said: "They have betrayed the people of West Lancashire and especially those who live in Up Holland by deliberately avoiding honest consultation.

"They are now trying to rush things through the council with minimal consultation to prevent local people from organising opposition to the Tories proposals.

"I would ask people to let the Tories know about their plans to build on the Green Belt around Up Holland by saying 'No' to their proposals."

The latest version of the plan, which has upped the target for new housing from 4,500 to 4,650, advocates less emphasis on building in Skelmersdale and Up Holland in favour of other settlements across West Lancashire, the development of land in Ormskirk to allow for an extension of Edge Hill University, and the use of Grove Farm in Ormskirk and Yew Tree Farm in Burscough as the preferred sites for any green belt development.

A public consultation will begin in January.

More information will also be available online at the council's local development website at www.westlancs.gov.uk/ldf and on the local authority's Twitter and Facebook pages.

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Jon Culshaw with the younger members of Ormskirk Pleasure Folk. Picture by Paul Clarke

Standing room only at Culshaw's mini show

By Henry James

IT was standing room only at the Civic Hall last Friday when impressionist Jon Culshaw did a mini show and Ormskirk Pleasure Folk performed Cinderella.

The Ormskirk–born comedian went back to his roots and did a 15–minute slot in the borough before the amateur dramatic group presented their pantomime.

Jon agreed to do the show after a conversation with the group's chairman, Liz Wainwright, at the society's 40th black tie dinner dance. The impressionist is currently starring on TV on The Impressions Show.

Liz said: "His show was fantastic and the Civic Hall,which holds 250 people, was sold out on Friday. We were very nearly sold out on the Sunday matinee as well, and there were only 15 seats left then.

"We are very grateful for Jon for his publicity and support. Jon did a slot before we started and it was very well received by the audience. There was a buzz to the evening.

"Jon was very good with the younger members. He took time to speak to them and offered them advice. Also, he was really supportive and optimistic about their hopes."

The script for Cinderella was written by Ormskirk Pleasure Folk's founder Esther Wilson 40 years ago.

Liz added: "A current member, Jim Briscoe, updated the script and it was well received. It is still relevant and it has a lot of local jokes and references in it."

Ormskirk Pleasure Folk was founded on New Year's Eve 1970–1971.

They are presenting Annie next April and are searching for young girls to take part in the show. Anyone interested should call 01695 733945.

Brace yourself! Snow and gales may be on way

Met Office weather alert

WEST LANCASHIRE residents should be bracing themselves for snow tomorrow and Friday as the Met Office yesterday issued a severe weather warning.

The temperature could plummet as low as –1C in the region and residents should be aware that snow could potentially impact on transport and other services.

Met Office officials have said that the public should be aware of risks on the road,as snow will be heavy at times and may be accompanied by gales tomorrow (Thursday)..

A Met Office spokesperson said: "North West snow showers are expected late on Thursday and through Friday. The public should be aware that these will be heavy at times, and may give significant accumulations that could disrupt travel.

"Gale or severe gale force northwesterly winds will accompany the snow showers, perhaps leading to drifting over high ground, but these winds will slowly moderate during Friday.

"The public are advised to take extra care."

Edge Hill misses highest accolade

EDGE Hill University failed at the final hurdle in the Times Higher Education Award for the UK's University of the Year 2011 title.

It was the third time that Edge Hill had been shortlisted for the University of the Year prize after being nominated in 2007 and 2010, but the award went to the University of Sheffield.

The university was competing for the star prize in the 'Oscars' of the higher education sector against five other institutions.

Vice–Chancellor Dr John Cater said previously: "To be shortlisted for such a prestigious award for the third time against stiff competition from across the country is an achievement in itself and reflects how far the university has come over the last few years.

"We provide an outstanding student experience with a strong focus on employability and this is consistently reflected in our continued success in league tables, awards and student feedback. Not one to rest on our laurels we're constantly striving to improve even further. This year alone we've completed building a new £15m student hub to provide better facilities for our students and staff. Together with a growing range of applied research projects that make a difference, I think we make an excellent contender for this year's award."

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Council set to honour borough's first mayor

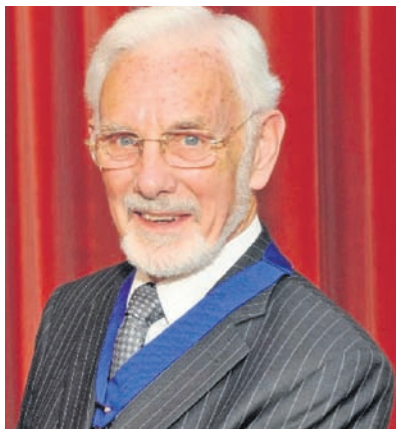
By David Simister

THE first ever mayor of West Lancashire is set to be made an honorary alderman at a council meeting taking place tonight.

Geoff M Roberts served as a Conservative councillor for the Aughton Park ward from 1984 until his retirement earlier this year and became mayor of West Lancashire after the council was granted borough status in 2008.

Mr Roberts, who will receive the title of borough alderman in Ormskirk tonight, said: "It is an honour for me to be given this title, which I'm very grateful to receive as it's rare for someone to be made an honorary alderman of West Lancashire.

"To be a councillor, a leader of the council and then to be the first ever mayor of West Lancashire is something which is unusual in itself, and now to be made an alderman is something I'm honored to receive."



Geoff M Roberts

Mr Roberts will receive the title of Honorary Alderman of the Borough of West Lancashire "in recognition of the eminent services which he has rendered to the council of the borough of West Lancashire during the continuous 27 years in which he was a member of the council and its predecessor authority, the former West Lancashire District Council."

He first joined West Lancashire District Council in 1984, and became its leader in 2002 after the Conservative party won back control of the local authority from Labour.

In 2008, following the council's change to borough status, he became West Lancashire's first ever mayor and his time in local politics has been praised by his colleagues, including Councillor Ian Grant, West Lancashire Borough Council's current leader.

Cllr Grant told The Champion earlier this year: "I have always appreciated Geoff's wise words and advice as ward colleague and especially when I took over from him as council leader.

"He can look back on his many years of service with great satisfaction knowing that he has served West Lancashire with great distinction."

Councillors Terry Alridge and John Fillis.

New leaders at helm

WEST Lancashire's Labour opposition is being fronted by new faces after the party selected a new leader and deputy leader this week.

The party has selected Up Holland councillor John Fillis as leader, while Digmoor councillor Terry Aldridge has become the party's new deputy leader.

The new leaders say their priority is to challenge "a timid response" by Conservatives to economic problems.

Councillor Fillis said: "I am very honoured and proud to be elected Leader of the Labour Group. Times are hard so we will be working harder to meet the many challenges faced by local people. It's important that we work our way out of these troubled times while supporting those most vulnerable in our community."

"We have to ensure that council services meet the needs of local people within costs. People recognise money's tight but that does not mean we give up. The Tories have decided to put up the shutters and pretend there is no one in. This is the time that the council should be out there listening. We in the Labour Group will be working with local people to make the Tories listen."

The change comes after Councillor Neil Furey stood down as the opposition leader. He will continue to represent the Skelmersdale North Ward.

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‘Nightmare house’ boarded up after years of torment

By David Simister

AN ORMSKIRK home dubbed “a nightmare house” by police has been boarded up after years of complaints from nearby residents.

Ormskirk Magistrates Court imposed an anti–social behaviour closure order on the house at Lea Crescent, with the penalty of a fine or imprisonment for anyone caught attempting to enter it.

It comes after years of complaints connected to the property – with a total of 56 incidents of crime and anti–social behaviour reported to the police in 2011 alone. Police say there have been problems at the address for over five years.

PC Paul Whittaker, community beat manager for the Scott and Knowsley wards of Ormskirk, said: “This house had become a nightmare for local residents, making their lives a misery.

“Residents, particularly direct neighbours, had suffered from anti–social behaviour for over five years. We have worked closely with local residents to try to address anti–social behaviour in the area and I commend the action of those individuals who have worked with us and spoken out to help close this house.

“I hope that this action will now bring the local people some much needed respite. We are committed to making sure West Lancashire is not blighted by anti–social behaviour and we will continue to use all tactics available to us to rid local communities of nuisance.”

The court’s decision to close the house came after the police and nearby residents both presented evidence of numerous anti–social behaviour incidents associated with the home’s occupants, while a petition containing 110 signatures calling for the home’s closure was also given to the court.

PC Ewan Wells, PCSO Danii Wohler and PC Paul Whittaker outside the boarded–up property on Lea Crescent.

The closure order comes after a catalogue of complaints were received about anti–social behaviour including throwing objects such as cartons believed to contain bodily fluids, broken metal and other rubbish into neighbours’ gardens. Reports had also been received from nearby residents and the police of verbal abuse, damage to the hedges of adjoining properties, running through the gardens of adjourning properties and hoax 999 calls.

The home’s residents – a man, his two sons and another teenage boy – have all moved out of the property, which now has details of the closure notice placed on the door.

One of the residents, 19–year–old Lee Fyles, is currently subject to an anti–social behaviour order (ASBO).

If you’re concerned about anti–social behaviour in West Lancashire, call Lancashire Constabulary on 0845 1 25 35 45 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Traders’ vans targeted in town centre

ORMSKIRK residents are being urged to get in touch with police if they have information about thefts from traders’ vans.

The first theft took place on November 29 on Brook Lane when electric drills were stolen. Two more vans were broken into on Dyers Lane at around 9am on November 30. A saw bench was stolen from a Volkswagen Caddi and the offender used it to smash the window of a Citroen Berlingo.

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To be in with a chance, readers had to successfully answer a festive question about house plants.

• Clare Foulkes, of Emmanuel Road, Southport, won the first prize of £500 to spend in store.

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Games bosses in tour of uni

Report by **Henry James**

WITH only months to go before Edge Hill University becomes "home" to athletes for the London 2012 Games Olympic, bosses have been given a grand tour of its facilities.

The Ormskirk–based university is one of only three universities in the North West to have been chosen as a training camp for teams from a number of Oceanic countries.

The university has a £4m sports complex, Sporting Edge, which is set in 25 acres of landscaped grounds, with excellent media facilities

Vice–chancellor John Cater and sport experts from the university, together with partners at the borough council, were on campus to show off the facilities on Saturday.

Visitors were shown the running track, therapy clinic, sports hall, gym, student hub and accommodation. Coaching staff and officials from Liverpool Pembroke Athletics Club, who are based at Edge Hill, talked about the training support.

Dr Tony Charlton, associate head of Sports Development and Sports Studies at the university, said: "It's fantastic that we've been chosen as a training camp for some of the world's talented athletes as they prepare to compete in the Games.

"It's nice that we're able to bring a bit of London 2012 to Ormskirk and it will be a great opportunity to get students, staff and the local community involved in the experience."

Teams that will be training at Edge Hill include American Samoa, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands and Palau.

Councillor Andrew Fowler, cabinet member for health and leisure at West Lancashire Borough Council, said: "West Lancashire is very much looking forward to the Olympic Games next year and is proud to welcome competitors from Oceania.

"The area has developed a reputation for sporting excellence and it's great that the fantastic facilities at Edge Hill should be used for such a prestigious event."

The visit to the UK is being supported by Olympic Solidarity and is aimed at supporting the National Olympic Committees across Oceania in their preparation for the Games.

Dr Robin Mitchell, president of Oceania National Olympic Committees, said: "Since signing our agreement. I am pleased to see how well the partnership has developed with a number of training camps having taken place and programmes put in place in the North West and back in the Pacific."

Festive bingo

SCARISBRICK residents are being invited to get into the Christmas spirit with a festive bingo night this Friday (December 9) organised by Scarisbrick National Service Club, on Bullens Lane – eyes down at 7.30pm. The event will include a licensed bar and servings of tea, coffee and biscuits. For more information, ring 01695 580755.

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Think of what you stand to lose, say police

Drivers urged to consider dire consquences of drink driving

By David Simister

IF you think of the consquences – it's an easy decision on whether to drink and drive.

That's the message from police as they launch their Christmas crackdown on both drink driving and driving while under the influence of drugs.

The campaign will run until January 1 across the county, including at checkpoints in West Lancashire.

Supt Peter O'Dwyer said: "We want people to enjoy the festive season but to remember the consequences of driving whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Statistics show that around one in six fatal collisions in Lancashire involve either drink or drugs or both and this is simply not acceptable.

"The consequences of drink driving are high – if you drive at twice the legal alcohol limit you are at least 30 times more likely to cause a road crash than a driver who hasn't been drinking, potentially resulting in serious injury or death. A conviction could also mean that you lose your job, home, family and friends. The consequences can be absolutely devastating."

The force added that the number of people caught drink and drug driving continues to fall in Lancashire, with two per cent of the 10,006 people tested during last year's Christmas campaign failing or refusing a test.

The campaign is also being supported by Lancashire County Council, who said that the decision not to drink if you are planning to drive is a simple one which could save lives.

Tim Ashton, the county council's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "We work very hard to reduce the number of people killed or injured on our roads but all that effort counts for nothing if individuals make the decision to drink and drive.

"Drink driving can result in serious or even fatal collisions and you won't just ruin Christmas for you and your family – your actions could have serious long term consequences for yourself and others.

"Even a conviction could make a big difference to your life. If you think for just one second about what could happen, the decision whether to drink and drive is very easy – it's a risk that's simply not worth taking."

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Legion member fights for forgotten soldiers

By Henry James

A MEMBER of the Lathom and Burscough British Legion has launched a campaign to get the names of two men added to a town's roll of honour.

Roy Laycock, 71, wants to see the names of Brian Makin, who was killed in the Vietnam War fighting for America, and Terence Slater, who died on British National Service in Aden, on Southport's War Memorial.

In view of the current resurgence in remembrance, he believes the men deserve to be honoured and has written to Sefton Council and Southport British Legion asking for their support.

Roy, who lives in Burscough, has spent a year researching the lives of the war victims after a friend asked for his help. He said: "These men are both from Southport, so I don't see why their names can't go on the memorial."

Mr Makin moved to America aged 24 to and volunteered to fight in Vietnam a year later. He was killed at the age of 28 in 1968 during a mortar attack on an American air base outside Saigon.

The Americans flew his remains back to the town within three weeks and he had a military funeral at St Cuthbert's Church in Churchtown. There was then a three gun salute at Southport Crematorium.

Roy added: "I knew Brian by sight. I was an apprentice motor mechanic at Johnson's in Churchtown and he was an apprentice motor mechanic at Ashleys in Tulketh Street.

"The last time I saw him he was riding down Lord Street on a motorbike on a summer's evening. His mother said he had always liked America. It is sad to think that he went to America for a better life and he was to die serving for their forces."

Terence Slater, 22, was killed in a road traffic accident in Aden on May 1, 1961. He had been a painter and decorator with Woolfall and Rimmer of Southport. Terence was educated at Holy Trinity and Christ Church Schools.

Roy added: "His name is on the national arboretum in Staffordshire, so I don't know why he is not on the town's monument."

Roy has let relatives know of his idea. You can call Roy on 01704 892467.

New website serves residents

A GROUP of Ormskirk residents has launched a website after deciding to wind up its regular newsletter.

New Way Tenants' and Residents' Association said that issues affecting the neighbourhood were going online to save on costs.

Member Jane Thomspon said the association represents households on Railway Approach, Station Approach, Chestnut Court, Station Road, Burscough Street, Hants Lane, Scarisbrick Street, Clucas Gardens, Jubilee Gardens and Owen Avenue.

She added: "We need to reduce printing costs and the environmental impact of distribution."

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Dancers win place at leading college

By Henry James

TWO talented dancers have been awarded places at one of the UK's top dance colleges.

Beth Hudson and Emily Martland, both aged 17 from Ormskirk, will become students at the prestigious Phil Winston's Theatreworks College in Blackpool from September.

The girls were put through a round of gruelling auditions, along with over 700 other hopefuls, with only 40 places available for the year. The girls performed vocally and showed their ability in various dance disciplines.

The girls both attend Burscough's Kelly Shirley School of Dance.

Dance school principal Kelly Tobin said: "I am very proud of both Beth and Emily. They have worked unceasingly for this opportunity and totally deserve to have been selected.

"I am looking forward to seeing them both perform professionally in the not too distant future."

The school offers a variety of dance classes as well as vocal coaching.

For more information, ring 01704 824918.

Beth Hudson and Emily Martland

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Firm hit by £9,000 fly–tipping bill for flouting law over skip

Company argues they left waste on site when customer refused to pay

By David Simister

A FIRM has been made to pay more than £9,000 after being found guilty of dumping waste from a skip on an Ormskirk street.

The firm was found guilty of fly–tipping after it unsuccessfully argued that the waste had been dumped back on customer's site when the person refused to pay for the skip hire.

Southport Skip Hire was found guilty of fly–tipping after emptying a skip on Pennington Avenue, Ormskirk. The firm was fined £1,000 by Preston Magistrates Court and ordered to pay £8088.33 in costs and victim surcharge.

West Lancashire Borough Council, which was asked to clear the waste, said it had no choice but to prosecute after the company maintained it had done nothing wrong.

Councillor Andrew Fowler, portfolio holder for Health and Leisure, said: "This is a very satisfactory outcome. This was a company who thought they could dump a skip full of refuse on our land and get away with it.

"They even wanted to charge us for removing it. Thankfully, the judge backed the officers and realised that this action was wholly unacceptable. One of the council's priorities is improving the local environment and this court case proves that we are serious about it."

A spokesperson for Southport Waste Management Limited, which operates Southport Skip Hire, said the court's ruling was "unfortunate" and argued that they acted when the customer refused to pay for the skip.

The spokesperson added: "In this case, the skip was placed adjacent to the flats on a grassed area within the grounds of the property. The court did not accept that the grassed area formed part of the curtilage of the customer's flat. This begs the question that had the flats been privately owned and the tenants paid a contribution towards the upkeep of the communal grounds would the court have come to the conclusion that the grassed area did form part of the curtilage? If this was the case it would result in a bias between flats that are council owned and those that have private landlords and tenants.

"The moral of the story is perhaps for all skip companies to make sure they get paid on delivery or to make sure there is a card machine installed. What alternative have skip company's got – let any unscrupulous customer who deliberately intends not to pay for the skip to get away with it?"

The incident has now been referred to the Environment Agency, which licenses skip hire companies.

Santa arrives in style

By David Simister

SANTA arrived in style at a West Lancashire pub – on a dray pulled by the first shire horses to visit the town for nearly 40 years.

The famous Thwaites' shire horses – with Father Christmas on board – visited the Cock and Bottle in Tarleton as part of a charity appeal by the pub for local people to donate gifts to sick and underprivileged children. The parcels will be distributed across Lancashire to needy youngsters in time for Christmas Day.

Daniel Thwaites initially ended horse–drawn deliveries in the 1920s when the Blackburn company switched to motor vehicles.

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Transcendental Meditation movement is exclusive club

The Transcendental Meditation movement has changed completely since we started meditating in the mid 1970s.

Then, everyone was welcome. It was about people realizing their own potential, no matter who they were, to have a better society.

We were all are a very important part of this idea that the late Maharishi was talking about.

With the way the movement operated then, we felt a part of this growing change, and with this we helped in the running of our local branches, ie, jumble sales, evening events, local trips, weekend courses and the many other things to help our branch.

And the main thing on this was Maharishi, with vidoes, explained life and our relationship to this, with the important key this relationship meditation.

But a change took place in the TM movement.

In time we started to have a club where only those that can afford it were allowed in, yet at the same time claimed it was for everyone.

On the one hand we had Maharishi taking about the world and how we are all an intrinsic part of this, and the movement had become a middle–class club very much like a golf club.

I am sorry to say that the Maharishi, in his effort to speed up the process of more people doing TM has led to the opposite.

Stephen Bennett,
Skelmersdale

Hospital cost cutting should start at the top

Having read the report in The Champion I was stunned to see that Southport and Ormskirk Hospital chief Jonathan Parry was suggesting that nurses forego a day's pay.

Nurses are not overpaid by any means, but they are certainly over–worked.

Why doesn't Mr Parry start by reducing the amount of pen pushers at the top instead of always targeting the nurses who earn their money, not like some.

It beggars belief ,when one recalls how the nurses, and also the rest of staff struggled to get to work last winter, that they are being asked to lose a day's pay. So Mr Parry, start your cost cutting at the top and leave the nurses to get on with saving lives.

We love and need our nurses.

They should be given more, not less.

And here's a thought.

Why not charge all the drunks who cause mayhem every weekend for any treatment they receive. It would save thousands.

RM McGill,
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Do not lose out on benefits

The government is planning the biggest shake–up of the benefits system in 60 years through its Welfare Reform Bill.

While we agree the system is complex and needs to be simplified we are concerned that proposed benefits changes in the Bill could mean that thousands of people with cancer are left without vital financial support.

The Bill is now in its final stages in Parliament so time is running out to make sure that people with cancer do not lose out on crucial benefits.

You can help us campaign by signing our petition at www. macmillan.org.uk/welfare. The more support we get, the stronger our message to politicians will be.

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Stephen Richards,
Macmillan Cancer Support

PICTURE of the week

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Frank Kearns takes a well earned rest after thrilling visitors to Formby's Dickensian Day with his one man circus skills show. Picture by Martyn Snape. Code: 1046821.

We are proud of our record

The Champion (November 30) includes two letters relating to Edge Hill University.

In response to 'Champion Reader', the accurate figure for the number of individuals who received a salary of some kind from the university in the academic year 2010/11 is 3,359 (Higher Education Statistics Agency Staff Record 2011), with a total wage bill of £52,504,000.

Your second correspondent rightly points out that Oxford and Ormskirk are not comparable.

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Dr John Cater,
Vice–Chancellor, Edge Hill University

Charging drivers to use roads is highway robbery

While everyone's attention is on the damage caused by high fuel prices, a new report effectively proposes imposing road pricing on our major roads.

It can even be read as suggesting them for our local roads, ultimately forcing drivers to pay to travel on roads everywhere.

Britain's drivers already pay through the nose – roughly £50 billion each year in taxes in return for about £8 billion in roads investment.

This has, unfortunately, been the pattern for many years. Investment in relieving our congested roads has in fact been paid for in advance several times over.

When families everywhere are feeling the pinch on motoring costs, there is absolutely no case for adding to our tax burden.

These proposals are nothing less than 'highway robbery' and must be rejected.

Brian Gregory,
By email

Parents with children need wide parking spaces

It is true that some elderly and people with a disability require dedicated spaces and I agree that pregnancy is most certainly not an illness.

However, I assume you have never tried to get a child into a car seat or try to fit or remove a baby seat when you can't get the door open due to the car in the next bay being so close.

I and many other parents would never dream of parking in a disabled bay. However, I frequently see elderly and disabled people using parent and child car spaces within supermarkets with no come back.

The reason parents require dedicated spaces is not due to them being lazy and not wanting to walk far, it is the bonus of being able to open your door wide enough to safely secure your child into the car without injuring yourself or the child or damaging your car or the car in the next bay!

Name supplied,
By email

Footballers leave mess on the park

Re: Scott Estate Football Field.

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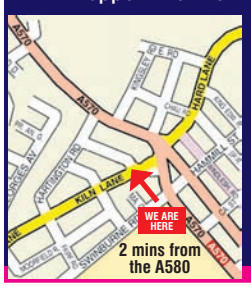

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Help your family beat hard times

By David Simister

MP holds advice day on how to cope with bills

WORRIED West Lancashire residents wondering how to look after their family and home this winter are being urged to attend an advice day being organised by the borough's MP.

Rosie Cooper said that she is organising the community advice and information day, which is being held at the Ecumenical Centre in Skelmersdale this Friday, to offer support to families who are facing "difficult times" this winter.

The Labour MP said "For many people and families in West Lancashire these are difficult times and people are feeling the pinch. I want to ensure that people have access to the organisations that can offer them some advice, information and support that will make it a little bit easier.

" Whether it is advice about getting back to work, finding the right training opportunities, how to manage your money, help to reduce those energy bills as winter arrives.

"I want to ensure that local residents have got the best advice, access to all the support they are entitled to and are getting value for money.

"There is something here for people of all ages and with different needs. So I am encouraging all local residents to pop along on the day. It could make a real difference for you and your family."

Among the topics being covered at the event, which takes place between 10am and 2pm, are pensions and benefits, health checks, money management advice, health and wellbeing checks, help with energy costs, advice on how to make your home safer and on giving your child the best start. Many national and local organisations have been invited and will have a stall with experts on hand to speak to residents and offer specific advice on their needs.

For more information, ring Rosie Cooper's constituency office on 01695 570094.

Rosie Cooper – support needed

Anniversary art goes on show at college display

By Henry James

AN exhibition of contemporary photography is being held at the new West Lancashire College campus as part of an ongoing creative arts projects to mark the 50th anniversary of Skelmersdale New Town.

The arts project, which has received Arts Council funding and is a collaboration between the college, the borough council, Lancashire County Council and the Engine Rooms, will culminate in March 2012 with the staging of 'Skelmersdale the Musical.'

The photographs on display in this exhibition were taken by residents who attended recent free photography workshops run by local professional Michael Lowey, and they aim to show the town in both positive and challenging ways.

Photographer and exhibition coordinator Michael Lowey has said: "The brief was simply to photograph the town and no other restraints were put on what the people photographed or how.

"Skelmersdale, and the new college in particular, provided our photographers with some fantastic opportunities to take images that are striking and at times thought–provoking."

The exhibition is held in Cafe West at the entrance to the West Lancashire College campus, College Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 6DX, and is open to the public from Tuesday, January 3 to Thursday January 26 (Monday to Thursday only, 9am – 7pm).

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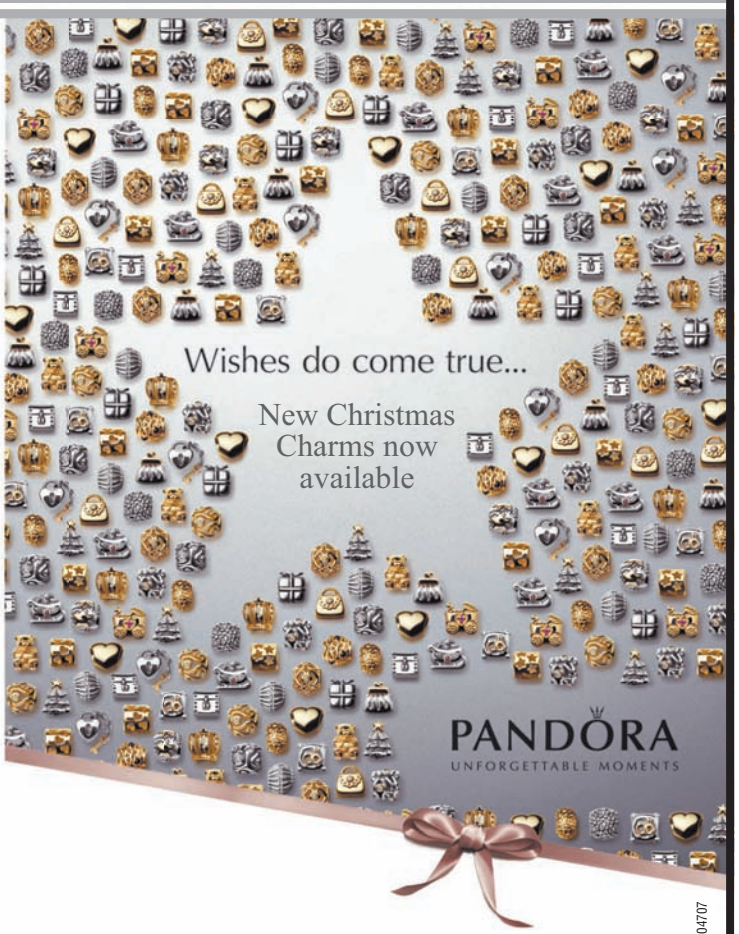

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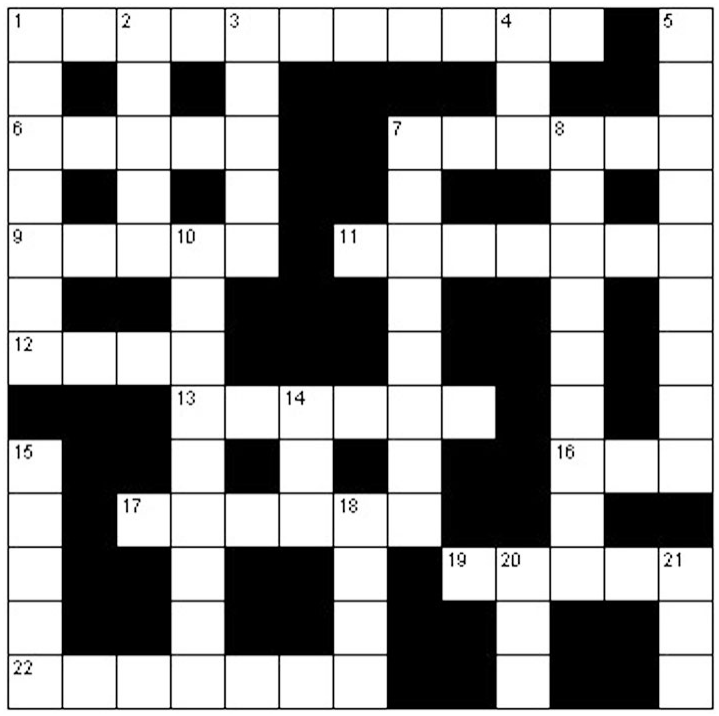

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

Across: 1 Lonsdale, 4 Sumo, 6 Utopia, 8 Coffee, 9 Heavy, 11 Tarmac, 15 Zorro, 16 Right, 17 TA, 19 Narnia, 21 Indie, 22 Shadow, 23 Chess

Down: 1 Louche, 2 Deity, 3 Eccentric, 4 Sofa, 5 Meek, 7 Oman, 10 Amstrad, 12 Crossens, 13 Roman, 14 Toronto, 18 Zinc, 20 AXA

ACROSS

1 To accept or admit something (11)
6 A final resting place (5)
7 Decorations commonly used during Christmas celebrations (6)
9 The heated form of one of the nation's staple food products (5)
11 Some animals, including crabs and ants, use these to ward off predators (7)
12 The creator of the biggest boat of Biblical times (4)
13 One of the colours of the rainbow (6)
16 An often irritating form of shyness or modesty (3)
17 A type of calendar many of you opened last week (6)
19 A statement of beliefs in religion (5)
22 Brand of private aircraft favoured by millionaires (7)

DOWN

1 A leafy settlement to the south of Ormskirk (7)
2 A cute marsupial, usually found asleep (5)
3 Conspicuous and easily noticeable (5)
4 Tonic's partner in crime when it comes to cocktails (3)
5 The only city you'll find in Wiltshire (9)
7 Popular film saga featuring vampires and werewolves (8)
8 An event which is memorable and attention-grabbing (9)
10 German industrialist best remembered for saving his Jewish workers, Oskar... (9)
14 A form of ink commonly used for colouring (3)
15 A type of waterway which winds its way through parts of Sefton and West Lancashire (5)
18 Government acronym for people who aren't in work or education and not on training courses (4)
20 A form of groove often found in the ground (3)
21 One of two forms of punctuation used in Morse code (3)

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Hospital death rates 'higher than expected'

By Natasha Young

A HIGHER than expected number of patients died following treatment at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, according to this year's Dr Foster Hospital Guide – but health chiefs say they are confident survival rates have improved since the report was collated.

The report measured mortality at hospital trusts throughout the country in four different measures, including the 'Summary Hospital–level Mortality Indicator' (SHMI). This counts the deaths of patients following treatment either in hospital or within 30 days following discharge.

The data shows that the trust's SHMI number was higher than predicted at 110.

Geraldine Boocock.

Mortality figures for the hospitals using other measures fell in line with predictions.

The figure for HSMRs which measures deaths while in hospital care from conditions which represent 80% of deaths was 107, while the 0.89 deaths in 'low risk condition' which includes deaths from conditions where patients would normally survive and 60 'deaths after surgery' which includes patients who have died from a possible complication after surgery.

The trust's medical director Dr Geraldine Boocock said: "The new Summary Hospital–level Mortality Indicator (SHMI) adds to the wide range of evidence the trust uses to continuously improve the quality services we provide.

"We are confident that both the trust's SHMI and HSMR survival scores have improved strongly since the period included in the report, bringing them into the range expected for our type of hospital trust."

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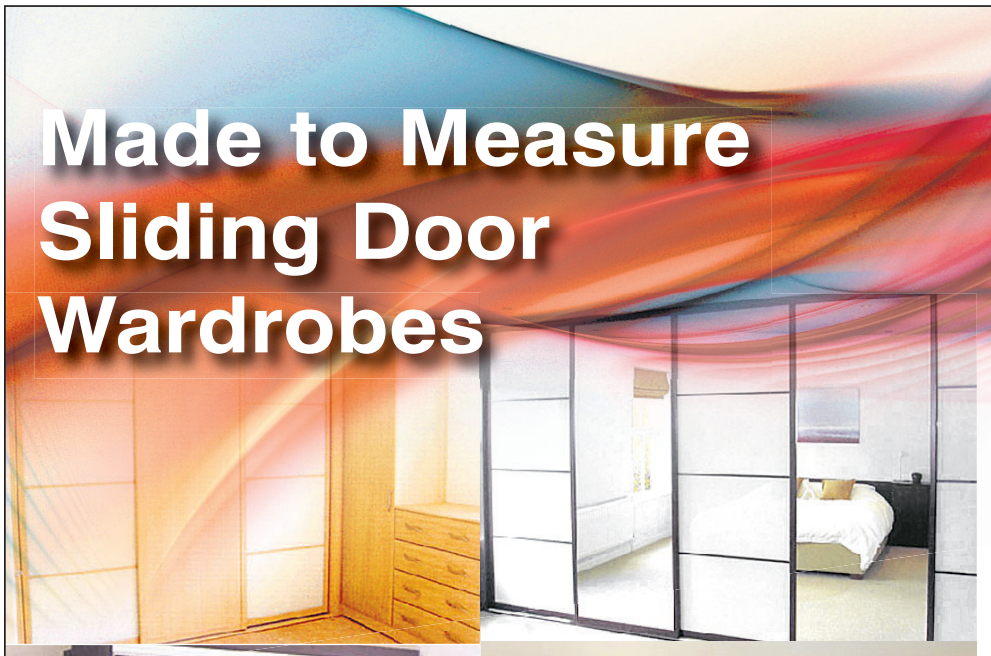

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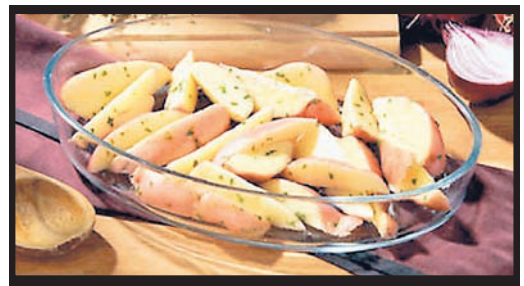

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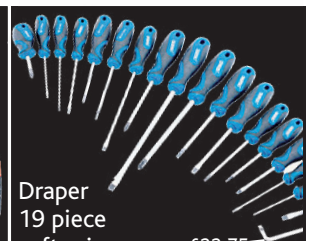

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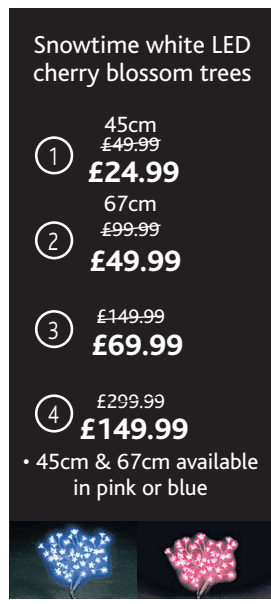

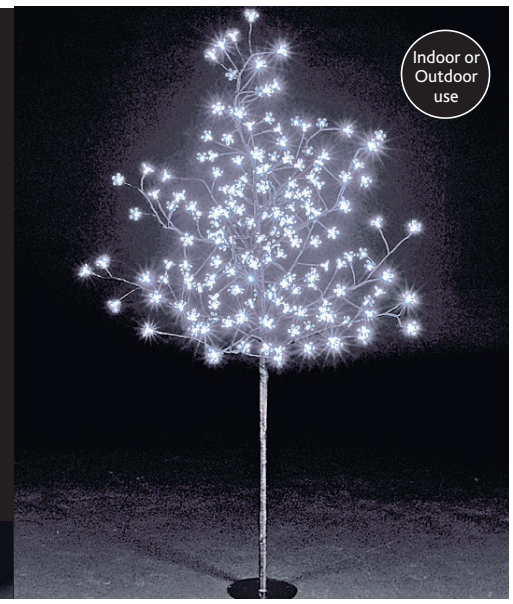

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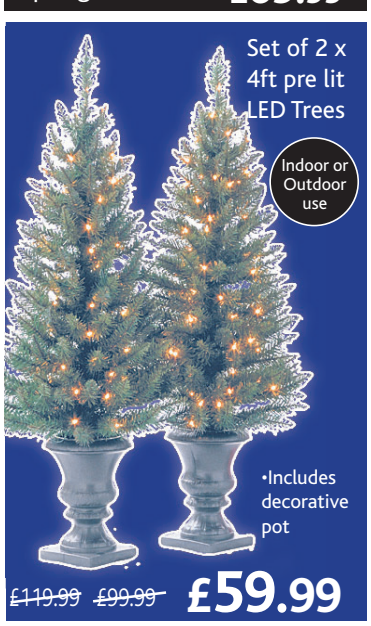

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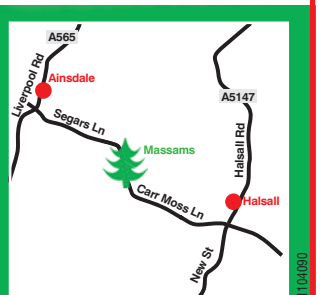

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‘Pre–loading’ can get you in trouble, revellers warned

By **Henry James**

Most young people get drunk before going for a night out

GETTING drunk at home or ‘pre–loading’ before going to a bar or nightclub could seriously damage your night out, festive revellers are being warned.

West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership issued the advice after research carried out by Lancaster University for the Lancashire Drug and Alcohol Action Team showed an increase in people getting drunk at home before going out, known as ‘pre–loading.’

The partnership is supporting Safer Lancashire’s Make Your Night Last campaign for the festive period.

The research found that 58% of 18–35 years olds in the region ‘pre–loaded’ before going out, with more women than men (60% and 55%) drinking to excess before leaving the house with many mentioning cost as a reason.

It often leads to people becoming very drunk earlier in the night and increased levels of crime.

County Councillor David Smith, chairman of the Safer Lancashire Partnership, said: “When people get too drunk, they are more likely to get involved in fights, end up in A and E, lose their friends and possessions or accidentally cause a fire in their home.

“This can create a real headache for those who are left to pick up the pieces such as the police, medical staff and fire brigade. They may be so drunk, they won’t even remember what happened but the people who have been left to clear up their mess definitely won’t remember it being a good night out.”

Billboards, along with posters in bars plus targeted advertising on Facebook will all be used to spread the message that drinking too much before stepping out of the front door can seriously damage your night out.

A Facebook page has also been set up to encourage young people to share their tips on how they make their night last longer and safer, whether that is alternating alcoholic drinks with water or making sure your stay with your friends. Visit www.make yournightlast.co.uk and click through to Facebook to share tips for a top night out.

Dave Tilleray, chairman of the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership, added: “We want people to enjoy themselves while they’re out and about, but they should also be aware of the consequences of excessive drinking and how a great night can be spoiled by having a few drinks too many.”

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Just be careful what you say – but it's okay to swear

I'D swear that our judges have all, or mostly, gone barking mad.

The latest pronouncement from the aptly named Mr Justice Bean that because uttering obscenities in public has now become common, they no longer cause distress.

The silly Mr Bean reckons our police officers should by now be so inured to being sworn at by those they have apprehended committing a suspected felony that they should take it on the chin and not arrest the b****s.

And this at a time when everyone has to watch every word they say because they may, even unwittingly, cause offence to somebody else and have their collar felt by those very same police officers who are not supposed to be offended by foul language directed at them!

I am not a prude. I have been known to utter the odd expletive, even some quite obscene ones. Like just last week when my brother managed to spill engine oil onto the carpet in our boat because, against my better advice, he had decided to service the thing himself.

But there is a world of difference between a swear word after an unexpected unpleasant event (like knocking your thumb with a hammer) and using, for instance, the 'f' word every other word in a sentence as some folk seem to find quite normal.

I think this started because those guilty of it simply find it difficult to remember what exactly they are trying to say and use the expletive as 'thinking time'.

Trouble is, it then becomes a habit.

But even this is not really what I am talking about. If, as is now the case, it is 'unacceptable' to use certain words that may possibly give offence, then surely the widespread use of profanities must also come into this category?

The fact that a distressingly large proportion of the community many now think such language is the norm has nothing to do with it.

The fact is that many people ARE still distressed when they hear disgusting words being shouted in the street, in pubs and on public transport. And I'd defy anyone who would not be distressed in one way or another if they were called a 'f**** w****' in a face to face confrontation.

Most people now find the use of gratuitous swearing on TV to be distasteful and very often unnecessary.

I don't think anyone would seriously want to ban swearing on the box – it has become part of modern life.

I hesitate to say standards are slipping – because to do so these day brings forth cries of 'snob' or 'toff'.

I read recently that those of us who still champion the use of correct English are simply living in the past and need to wake up to the modern world of e–mail and Twitter.

Why being computer literate means you must in fact become illiterate beats me, but there it is.

In era of so–called tolerance it it strange that those seemingly set on reducing the language to the lowest common denominator, are determined to poke fun at those of us who would rather stick to more or less plain English.

Oh, and punctuate it properly as well. If the proper use of the apostrophe is no longer taught in our schools (perhaps teachers no longer know it?) then it's probably better to omit it altogether.

It all makes me want to swear.

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Dodgy dealers top list of complaints

By Henry James David Simister

USED cars are the biggest cause of complaint to the county's Trading Standards teams, it has been revealed this week.

Dodgy motors brought more than 700 calls to officers with 'clocked' and 'unroadworthy' vehicles topping the list.

County Councillor Albert Atkinson, deputy leader of Lancashire County Council, said: "We continue to receive a high number of complaints which are often due to traders refusing to deal with legitimate complaints or provide appropriate compensation.

"Our Trading Standards service provides guidance to the 900–plus car dealers operating within the county and we take action against those who flout the law. But we're also keen for buyers to know their rights and take some basic steps which can help to avoid being sold a dud in the first place."

Consumer rights vary depending upon who the car is bought from. Going to a dealer is usually the safest option, but buyers are also advised to seek an established firm with a good reputation and to ask friends if they can recommend one.

Private sellers often offer the cheapest prices but buyers are urged to be cautious and be aware they will not have the full legal protection.

Some dodgy dealers will pretend to be private sellers to avoid their legal obligations and get rid of faulty or overpriced cars. Unlike dealers, private buyers have no business premises making it difficult to trace them should things go wrong.

Lancashire Trading Standards added that it is now backing an Office of Fair Trading campaign to encourage buyers to beware of the pitfalls and brush up on their rights.

Consumers are also advised to go back to the trader as soon as possible if they discover the car is faulty. If there's a problem contact Consumer Direct on 0845 040506.

Have you had a tale of woe when buying your secondhand car? Get in touch with with an email to david.simister@champnews.com or by calling 01704 392404.

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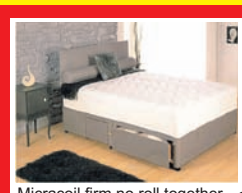
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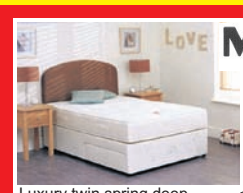
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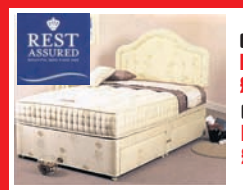
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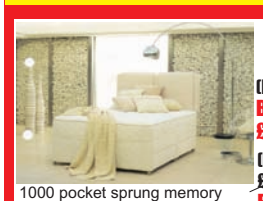
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Mayoress in plea for Rudolph runners

DO your bit for charity and enjoy a spot of festive fun this weekend when the first ever Rudolph Run takes place in Ormskirk.

Sue Murrin–Bailey, the mayoress of West Lancashire, told The Champion she was keen for residents of all ages and abilities to get involved with inaugural fun run, which takes place at Edge Hill University this Sunday (December 11) and will help raise funds for a host of charities, including efforts to establish a network of life saving defibrillators at sites across the borough.

She said: "The four races on the day have a festive theme, with a 200m Rudolph costume dash, a wheels race, a Rudolph themed family race of 1,500 m and a 5k race which participants can run, jog or walk and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the Edge Hill campus.

"Proceeds for the £5 entry fee per individual runner or the whole family will raise much needed funds for portable defibrillators to be sited across West Lancashire and also to help support the Womens Refuge as part of the mayoress's charity. Rudolph looks forward to seeing you there where you can also enjoy the army assault course, sports massages and other facilities available on this special day."

For more information about the event, which kicks off at 11am, head to Premier Sport, Sporting Edge at the university, or go online to www.mapchallenges.co.uk/rudolphrun to get your entry form and send it in or bring it along on the day.

Band to sound bright note

AN ACCLAIMED brass band will be helping to brighten up Christmas when they perform a festive concert in Parbold this weekend.

Douglas Music, which hosts a series of concerts in the village hall every year, said it has enlisted the talents of the Pemberton Old Wigan DW Band this Saturday (December 10), with a host of wintry classics to be performed at the venue on The Green.

Douglas Music spokesperson Michael Bonsall said this week: "Pemberton Old Wigan DW Band returns to Douglas Music's Live Music at the Weekend with a Christmas Concert of festive music to brighten the dark days before Christmas on Saturday in the village hall.

"The audience will be able to join with a little carol singing mixed in with the Christmas and winter melodies and traditional tunes from across the world. In recent years, the band has gone from strength to strength and has an established Championship Band led by Mark Bentham."

The concert begins at 7.45pm, with tickets costing £12 (£5 concessions). For further information and tickets, please contact the box office on 01257 464946.

Switch for ops

OPERATIONS for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) are likely to be carried out at a centre of excellence in Liverpool rather than Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust from next year.

The Doctor Foster report stated that Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust performed less than 35 AAA operations during 2010/11, and better outcomes could be achieved at a specialist unit.

The report explained: "Patients treated in hospitals that perform operations rarely are more likely to die. Evidence of this has been available in many areas of surgery for more than a decade but the problem persists."

AAA is a weakening of a major blood vessel in the body and can be fatal if it ruptures.

Five charged after protest at fracking site

By **David Simister**

FIVE people have been charged after a group of protesters stormed a controversial fracking site in Banks.

Two women, aged 23 and 24 and a man, aged 34, have been charged with aggrevated trespass at a shale gas exploration site operated by Cuadrilla and are due to appear before Ormskirk Magistrates Court on Tuesday, December 20.

The trio, all from the Bristol area, are understood to have been involved in the protest organised by the Rising Tide campaign group, who have voiced their operation to shale gas drilling at sites across the UK on a number of occasions.

A 40–year–old woman and 42–year–old man, also from Bristol, were charged with obstructing or disrupting a person engaged in a lawful activity.

The protest has drawn criticism from site operators Cuadrilla, who said the protesters were not local, had "not bothered" to participate in dialogue and were using up police time.

A company spokesperson told national media earlier after the protest: "We have shown over 100 people around our operational sites over the last year."

It is the second time in recent weeks the Banks site has been stormed by protesters, after members of environmental campaign group Frack Off climbed up the rig in a similar protest last month. Cuadrilla's shale gas exploration operations have drawn criticism from councillors, MPs and environmental groups in the north west after it conceded last month that tremor activity in the Fylde area earlier this year was likely to have been caused by a similar site near Blackpool.

Some environmental groups opposed to shale gas are calling for a moratorium on fracking. It's not just the process itself that they're concerned about. They say large–scale gas extraction will lead to more reliance on fossil fuels rather than alternative energy sources.

The industry argues that there is big potential for a new home–grown energy source.

•The site has also been given national attention after the Cuadrilla shale gas exploration site appeared on the BBC show Countryfile, after presenter John Craven visited the site.

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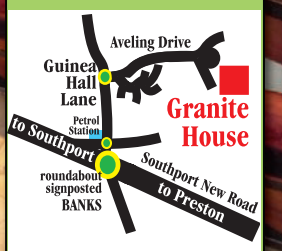

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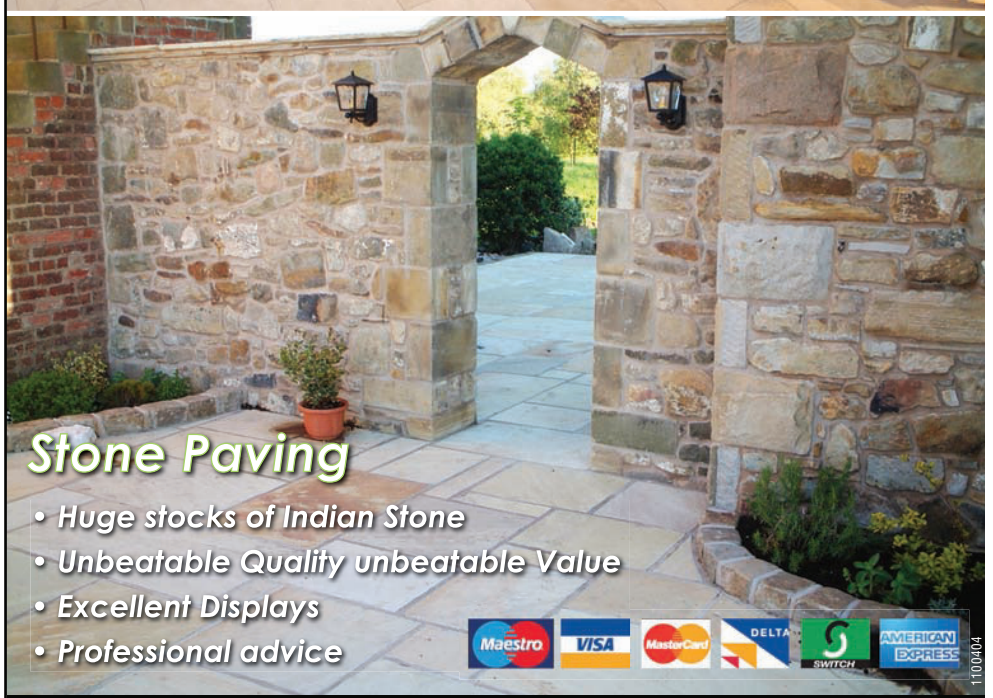

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Ray McKinty and David Speak on the Beaujolais Nouveau Run

Pub serves 'first wine' after marathon trip to France

By Henry James

A WEST Lancashire pub served up a famous 'first wine' – after a 1,600–mile round trip to the vineyards of southern France.

Deputy manager of Lathom's Ship Inn David Speak took part in the Beaujolais Nouveau Run– one of the most famous events in the wine calendar.

He was joined by the co–owner of the Ship Inn, Ray McKinty and Ray's friend Duncan McRae.

David said: "The Beaujolais Nouveau run is famous all over the world, with people racing to be the first to serve the wine. People come from America and even China and Russia to pick up the wine."

The trip took 48 hours and they were also given a tour of the vineyards where they tasted a variety of wines on offer. After they had made their purchases, the group drove to Lyon and took part in some of the Beaujolais Nouveau celebrations.

The next morning they made the journey back to the borough to hold a French–themed evening at the pub.

David added: "This was the first time we had done the trip. It was 800 miles each way but we will definitely do it again as it was good fun.

"At the the pub's French evening, we served snails, foiegras, frogs legs and other types of French food. It was also an opportunity for people to taste the Beaujolais."

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Outrage of mobile users as Orange ups monthly charges

By David Simister

MOBILE phone users have contacted The Champion to complain over increases in their monthly charges from the New Year despite having contracts.

Customers of telecom giant Orange were told last week they will have to pay an extra 4.34% on their bills.

Champion reader Colin O'Toole, one of those who got in touch to protest, said: "This stinks, and I for one will never use Orange again. I agreed a contract and they have broken it."

Orange users were notified of the increase by text message and directed to a statement on the company's website.

The statement said: "As you probably know, inflation is at a 20–year high, which is having a significant impact on businesses and households alike. Unfortunately, we've had to re–evaluate our prices for the first time. This is lower than the Retail Price Index measure of inflation, which currently stands at 5.4%. Out of plan charges, such as calls, texts and data will not be changing."

However, communications watchdog Ofcom is advising customers to query Orange's claim, directing them to its regulations which state that consumers can exit a contract without penalty, even if a provider states in its conditions that prices may rise during the contract.

Orange merged with fellow mobile phone provider T–Mobile earlier this year to create Everything Everywhere, the UK's largest mobile phone operator but has reported an 18.5% slide in profits.

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Advertisement Feature

GIVE a loved one the chance to soar into the skies with a Christmas present with a difference.

That's the offer from West Lancashire Microlight School, who are inviting thrillseekers from across the region to see some spectacular views on one of their taster sessions on a flight taking off from their base at Ince Blundell.
"The location is pretty good with us being based near the coast - once you're up, within a few minutes you've got a really spectacular view, where you can see North Wales, the Lake District, and inland towards Winter Hill. We can even get permission to fly in controlled airspace, so you, could, for instance, see the waterfront at Liverpool from the air," he said.

"Aviation captures a lot of people's imagination, but the cost of getting a pilot's licence can be a bit expensive, so microlighting offers a very affordable alternative in what are very capable aircraft."
West Lancashire Microlight School offers a whole host of different aircraft you can take to the skies in but for the ultimate thrill I'd recommend a ride in the Rotax-engined Flexwing, which offers you the wind-in-the-face, bugs-in-the-teeth thrills any aspiring Biggles needs to try out - and more importantly - a cockpit that's cut away at the sides to let you look down and see the spectacular scenery once you're up in the air.
As I we soared through the skies on my own taster flight somewhere above Seaforth I was delighted and worried in equal measure when I was offered an opportunity I wasn't expecting; the chance to actually fly the aircraft itself. Eat your heart out, Easyjet!
With the expanses of the Mersey to the right and the now ant-sized residents of Crosby to my left I wrapped my gloved fingers gingerly around the controls, just slightly terrified that I was about to plunge us both to a watery death, but I needn't have worried.
What I've anticipated to be the most frightening moment of microlighting - actually flying one for yourself - is in fact the biggest surprise of the afternoon. If you've mastered the delicate of driving a car, then you'll get the hang of one of these, because it's a masterclass of intuition and easiness.
Terrifying, heart-pounding, unpleasant and exposed - nope, going up in a microlight is none of these things, but you're almost certain to take off your safety helmet to reveal the huge grin you only ever get from adrenaline-fuelled experiences. It is really, really good fun.
At £60 for a 20 minute taster session it might not be the most conventional Christmas present you'll ever give, but it'll get the thrillseeker in your family absolutely hooked. You won't regret it.

For more information about taking a flight at West Lancashire Microlight School visit the school website at www.wlms.co.uk or call 0151 929 3319 to find out more.
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THERMOGRAPHY THE SAFE BREAST SCREENING FOR ALL WOMEN.

Despite the valiant efforts made by the NHS to reduce the incidents of breast cancer deaths by detecting the condition earlier with mammographic screening the numbers of new breast cancer cases have risen again. It is now estimated that one in eight women will get breast cancer at some time in their lives. While most of the new cases of breast cancer are still found in women over 50 years of age (those who are included in the NHS screening program) alarmingly the second highest incidents of new breast cancer cases are now found in women in their late thirties and early forties. This group of women and those younger have no routine early detection screening program under the NHS.

To achieve the goal of detecting breast cancer earlier and reducing the incidents of breast cancer death it is blatantly obvious that we must screen women at a much younger age. This must be achieved by using a screening method that eliminates the the risk of exposing younger healthy women to the dangerous levels of ionising radiation associated with mammography and with a procedure that can detect breast abnormalities in young women with denser breast tissue.

The American college of Radiology Imaging Network says that around 40% of women getting screening mammograms have dense breasts, with younger women generally having dense breasts. A January 2011 study by the Mayo Clinic found three quarters (75%) of cancers in women with denser breast tissue are missed by mammography.

To rectify this a law has been passed in several states in America that is designed to prevent women with denser breast tissue being needlessly exposed to a method of screening that is not suitable for them, and may miss cancers other screening procedures could find.

When it has been determined that women in these states have denser breast tissue radiologist's have to send this text; Because your mammogram demonstrates you have dense breast tissue, which could hide small abnormalities, you might benefit from supplementary screening tests, depending on your individual risk factors. A report of your mammogram results which contains information about your breast density, has been sent to your physician's office and you should contact your physician if you have any questions or concerns about this notice.

It is well known that mammography is less accurate in detecting breast abnormalities in younger women with denser breast tissue and that doctors are concerned that by unnecessarily exposing younger women to the levels of ionising radiation used in mammography, they will increase the numbers of new breast cancer cases.

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Thermography is not meant as a replacement for mammography they are both completely different screening tools. Mammography is a test of anatomy and can detect a mass once it has reached a size when it is large enough and dense to block a x-ray. Thermography is a test of physiology and can detect the subtle changes that occur when a tumour is at a development stage.

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Other groups of the public who may benefit from mammography are; Women who have already been diagnosed as having cancer and do not want to expose themselves to ionising radiation, women who have implants, women who have had mastectomies and have no breast to place between the clamps used in mammography, men, women with BRACA 1 or BRACA 2 mutated genes who have an elevated risk of damage from ionising radiation, women who find the clamping of the breasts painful, disabled women who find the procedure of mammography distressing, women who already have a tumour that may be disturbed by the clamping procedure.

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Women need to know that breast thermography is a promising and safe technology that is a welcome addition to helping women create breast health.
Christiane Northrup, M.D.
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I found in my research, and personally, that thermography can help a woman take a possible pre-cancerous condition and turn it around. Prevention is the gold standard of health care. In my opinion, breast thermography should be part of every woman's yearly exam to help prevent breast cancer, and for early detection.
Nan Kathryn Fuchs, Ph.D
Editor, Women's Health Letter

Infrared imaging of the breast should be an integral part of any breast cancer screening program due to its value as an independent risk factor for breast cancer and its value as a prognostic indicator.
Jonathan Head, Ph.D.
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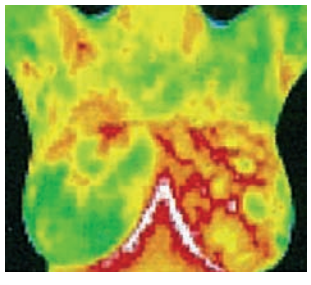

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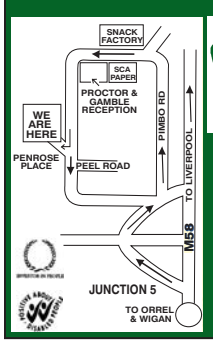

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Left right: Tony Hewitt, tutor Mike Cooney, public services learner Emma Carrington and Colin Jones.

Watch your speed for safe Christmas

DRIVE at the right speed and keep a safe distance from other road users to avoid a devastating Christmas.

These were key messages to students at West Lancashire College in a talk from the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service on how to prevent accidents.

The service highlighted the Young Drivers Education Programme and spoke about the number of deaths on UK roads. Last year 1,857 people were killed and 216 families in Lancashire have been left devastated by losing people in road traffic accidents.

Colin Jones and Tony Hewitt from the Fire and Rescue service showed hard–hitting clips to students.

Mr Hewitt said: "Young people think it is uncool to wear a seat belt but need to realise that not only can they be killed but other passengers can be killed by them slamming into them in a crash."

Mike Cooney public service tutor at the college, also added that he knew two young men who had recently been killed on the roads, one of which was a West Lancashire College student.

He added: "Please be aware of your speed and pay particular attention to other drivers around you.

"Two 18–year–old men have had their lives cut short and it is such a waste of a young life, along with their parents being left devastated."

County launches contest of true grit

THE gritters will helping to keep the borough's highways clear this winter – and one of them could bear a name chosen by your child.

Lancashire County Council said it has launched a contest to give youngsters the chance to name the vehicles used by the local authority's gritting teams.

The winning names will be displayed above the drivers' cabs.

A spokesperson for the local authority said: "Three vehicles will be named with a winner chosen from each of the county's highways areas, north, south and east.

"The winner's school class will also be offered the chance to visit their local highways depot to see the newly named wagon unveiled, meet the drivers, and see the forecasting equipment and huge mounds of salt which make the whole operation work."

For more details on the competition, which is open to children between the ages of five and ten years old, and to see more information about the the county council's plans to keep Lancashire moving this winter, go online to www.lancashire.gov.uk/winter.

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All aboard for the Christmas express!

YOUNGSTERS enjoyed a winter wonderland at the West Lancashire Light Railway in Hesketh Bank in the run–up to last Christmas.

This year the Santa Specials, pulled by steam locomotives, will be running again at weekends to visit Toyland and Father Christmas. The West Lancashire Light Railway is a two foot gauge passenger carrying railway located in Hesketh Bank.

The line features a number of interesting locomotives and other railway equipment brought together from industrial lines from elsewhere in Great Britain and from overseas. The Railway is a non–profit making organisation and is operated and supported by the West Lancashire Light Railway Trust. Volunteers are always needed to help maintain and develop the railway as well as operating the trains.

The trains will run on December 11, 17, 18 and on Christmas Eve, with fares costing £7 for children (which includes the cost of a present from Santa Claus) and £4 for adults. For more information, go to www.westlancs.org or call 01772 815881.

A steam train chugs through the snow on its journey from Hesketh Bank to Toyland.

Chantelle and Ruby Code NA

Ruby's not just an ordinary lap dog

Report by **Ron Ellis**

AUDIENCES at Opera Viva's recent production of 'La Bohème' were delighted with the performance of toy poodle Ruby who made her appearance as Musetta's lap dog in Act Two.

They did not realise however exactly how talented and hard–working Ruby, aged two years old, actually is.

Ruby is a trainee with nationally registered charity DogAID who train clients' own pets to become fully registered assistance dogs. DogAID have taught owner Chantelle Rea–Bradley to train Ruby who now assists with a range of tasks including emptying the washing machine as well as with dressing and undressing.

Many readers will remember Chantelle as Southport's very own children's entertainer who along with her previous toy poodles; Candy, Caucha and Cania, attended thousands of birthday parties and were featured in this paper on many occasions. "I've always owned dogs and decided to use them in my act so they could spend more time with me," said Chantelle.

A car accident in 2001 triggered mobility issues which prevented Chantelle from continuing to perform. In 2009, Cania the last remaining dog needed a pal for her twilight years.

"I chose Ruby to guarantee not only good temperament, but correct maximum adult weight so that Ruby would still be small enough for me to lift when full grown. A tiny but perfect companion for all the family," she added

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GIRLS Lipgloss bike with streamers on handlebars. Ideal for young child. £40. 07548 937502 (3083206)

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APOLO Fold up brand new bike ring for details £100. 01695579363

BARBIE bike pink barbie bike suitable up to age 5 with stabilisers. Good cond £15 ono. 0151 281 7893

BIKE helmet boys, from approx age 2-3 yrs. Hardly used. Southport area £7. 07807340610

BMX FOR SALE LIME GREEN eastern ramrodder 2011 edition brand new hardly used in excellent condition paid £369 will take £175 ono. 01695721226

BOYS bike Appox age from 3 yrs, Blue, excellant condition, like new. £110 new. With stablizers. Southport area £60 ono. 07807 340 610

BOYS bike 2 wheeled impact bike good cond age 3-5 yrs £8 each . 01772811719

BOYS Bike red & black 24ilnch mountain bike, halfords apollo FS24. good condition brakes little work needed. Ormskirk Area £50. 07826864984

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GIRLS 8-10yrs purple mountain bike excel cond. 5 gears £35. 01704533109

GIRLS Bike 19 inch wheels , brakes need attention hence price otherwise good condition suits 8-11 year old £15. 07414530409

BIKES

GIRLS 14 inch wheel sindy bike £15. 07738129429

LADIES Bike Claudbutler, very good condition, ring for details £60. 01695579363

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CLOTHING

13 Men's Ties Various brands including M&S, Tie Rack and BHS. £7. 07752581516

BLACK gladiator shoes lovely shoe size 6 brand new £10. 07531175714

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BOYS CLOTHING various ages, genuine branded labels at high street prices new and gently used RING 07511579150 £5. 07511579150

FASHION boots New blk suede Debenhams knee length cost £90 no tx please £29. 07806727402

FIORELLI bag Fiorelli handbag navy blue side tassels and details gold trims size 40cmsx30cms, brand new unwanted gift £25. 01512830808

FOOTBALL boots Adidas size 4 red/black with blades hardly worn excellent condition £5. 01704 875299

FUR Bodywarmer grey furry m/l worn once, was £30.00 new £5. 07900412521

GENUINE fur coat size 12 worn a couple of times, fox colour, still like new, fox? mink? vintage £60 ono. 07922370378

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HANDBAG PRADA shoulder bag bufalino sera leather material cammeo colour (pinky beige) authenticity card looks brand new with dustbag 23cmsx12cms £100. 01512830808

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HIKING shoes ladies hiking shoes size 6, brand new, Crivit Exologic, grey/black, scotchguard, waterproof, reflective material, trekgrip soles, unused present £18. 07946 455324

HUNTER wellies green size 3, excellent condition, £30. 01695580814

HUSHPUUPY New & boxed lds blk lthr ankle boots & nice detail sz 5 no tx please less then half price £28. 07806727402

JASPER Conran Boys blue hooded top. Aged 2-3 immaculate condition £3. 01704570863

CLOTHING

LACOSTE lacoste jumper neutral colours large good con £15 ono. 07531175714

LADIES jacket never worn still has label on, size xs (8) bought from Joe Browns £10. 01704 385713

LADIES jumpers lots of jumpers and jumper dresses sizes 6-12 from £3 each all different styles come have a look £3. 0784 996 9950

LADIES coat the vestry heavy winter coat rrp £200 cream suede with thick fur lining, stunning must see £20. 0784 996 9950

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CLOTHING

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WRANGLER Mens Stonewashed Jeans. Brand New. Label intact. 32w x 32L. £20. 07714754563

COMPUTING

1GB card Integral 1gb compact flash card £10 ono. 01704895709

BLACK glass table/desk has a top half and bottom. would fit in small corner for computer use. £15 ono. 07707118487

CANON printer Canon printer, scanner and photo copier still has some ink left in colour and black 11 months old £35 ono. 07707118487

COMPUTER desk Teak effect, w110cm x d52cm x h82cm , 2 drawer, keyboard shelf, good condition, some scratches on working surface £25. 07946 455324

COMPUTER compaq presario, tower 40gb absolutely imaculate, keyboard, mouse, also included 17in flat screen moniter couple of marks on screen hardly notice, bargain £50. 07922370378

COMPUTER Microsoft xp professional, amd 3000 1.81ghz, 1/2gb ram, 80gb hard drive, monitor, mouse and keyboard £50 ono. 01704 381979

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DIY

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BOSCH Freezer under counter, £20. 01704 509261 (3083174)

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COFFEEmaker Russell Hobbs, black & chrome filter coffee maker, with glass jug and warm plate. Working order, in good condition. £10. 07752581516

COMPUTER desk in very good condition £30 ono. 07861797583

COMPUTER Desk small computer desk with a shelf for printer or scanner, and a sliding keyboard shelf aswell. Excellent condition. £15 ono. 07723353917

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DINING chairs six teak chairs with beige padded seats. Excellent condition £15 each . 0151 932 1725

DINING table twin pedestal extending regency style with two carver chairs and three chairs Good condition £150 ono. 01695424353

DISPLAYCABINET traditional small china cabinet- very good condition, dark wood 48 £20. 01695422727

DORMA reversable bedset, Double, with 4 pillowcases, pale pink flowery design. Cost £125 new. Washed once £35. 07807 340 610

DOUBLE Bed Rest Assured quilted pocket sprung divan bed. Hardly used. £150 ono. 0151 932 1725

DRAWERS 2 plastic drawers in very good condition £10 each . 07861797583

DRESSER Quality dressing table (Enham furniture)mahogany with mirror and stool £90. 01695424353

DRESSING table white with metal runners and gold effect handles including stool lovely condition £35. 01704 875299

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FREEZER beko freezer with three draws fits under work top vgc £50. 07751585015

FRIDGE Freezer Samsung tall. excellent condition white/call evenings £100 ono. 0151 526 8305

FURNITURE Habitat 'Lisbonne' solid Beech Wardrobe and chest of seven drawers, original price over £1300 £495. 07712045810

GARDEN table wooden table with 4 chairs, 4cushions and umbrella. Very good condition. £60 ono. 07570856382

GAS hob indesit 4 burner gas hob. standard size. stainless steel. Birkdale 01704568606 £35 ono. 07850935406

HEADBOARD Single bed headboard, as new, bronze/gold colour, velour type material £20. 07976909322

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KINGSIZE bed, contemporary design kingsize bed, dark brown/black frame, slatted base. As new condition £75 ono. 07917164106

LAMP very large gold with cherubs, very classy rrp £100 must see like new £40. 0784 996 9950

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LARGE Ottoman White wooden h25 l43 w21 with padded lid. £50 ono. 0151 932 1725

LEATHER Two armchairs beige. excellent condition £50 each . 0151 932 1725

LEATHER Stool Dark brown storage footstool.excellent condition. £50 ono. 0151 932 1725

LEATHER Suite Three piece leather suite, three seater and two chairs in Blue, good condition £150. 01704833268

LEATHER settee Cream 2 seater in good condition. very comfortable. £70 ono. 0151 283 1354

LEATHER settee Cream. 3 seater, very comfortable slightly worn. £70 ono. 0151 283 1354

LEATHER suite three piece £50. 0781 8205597

LIKE New Large coffee table, small coffee table and tv stand in light oak with slate tiles £250 ono. 07796634997

LIVING room Lovely chocolate brown 3 seater, could fit 4 leather sofa looks brand new. £60 ono. 07581384869

LOFT Bed Ikea tromso. metal high sleeper with 2.5 foot mattress. £60. 07411667880

MAGHOGONY tv unit, side table and small unit bought from marks & spencers £65. 01704 385713

MATTRESS Single bed. clean, light blue & white, can deliver £10 ono. 07826793091

MEMORYFOAM double mattress - hardly used excellent condition £30 each . 01695422727

METAL bed frame silver/beech double. used but still plenty of use. ring for details £15. 01704879833

MICROWAVE with grill Silver 800watt incls instruction book Aughton Area £20 ono. 07925599600

NEW toilet brand new white close coupled toilet still in packaging all fixtures and fittings included £60 ono. 07733489551

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RADIATOR 600mm x 900mm sigle panel convector radiator. Modern & good condition. Birkdale area. £18. 07754593772

SINGLE bed base 2 drawers with brand new unused mattress £69. 01704540567

SINGLE bed single metal bed frame with mattress used once. £40 ono. 01695731429

SINGLE Bed clean, blue mattress & wooden headboard. old but hardly used. can deliver £20 ono. 07826793091

SLOW Cooker Ideal for stews and casseroles. £15 ono. 0151 932 1725

SOLID Yew display cabinet, excellent con £75. 01704 385713

STOKERS 2.5 seater sofa bed with quality matress terracota excellent condition buyer collects £200. 01704509955

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TV stand glass tv stand up to 37inch £10 ono. 01695731429

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WARDROBE gents fitted mahogany 3ft £30. 01695424353

WARDROBE double canvas no zips 2 drawers metal frame excellent condition £35. 01704540567

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GARDENING

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HOBBIES

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PA System peavey Hi-sys 2 speakers 15 and horns with mint unused mixer amp. very powerful. full demonstration, may split. incredible bargain. £250. 01695 580692

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HOME ENTERTAINMENT

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AMPLIFIER cambridge A1 integrated amplifier. boxed. as new condition. £60. 01257463849

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BLACK Glass tv stand, Hygena Matrix from Argos, only 2 months old, cost £59, pickup in southport £20. 07946205125

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GUITAR Marlin acoustic guitar in excellent condition with excellent tone £20. 01704 231443

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MIKE Stand with Sanyo MP 101 mike £5. 01704 231443

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MULTI Gym York 401 excellent condition. £60 ono. 07969011535

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Pippin Street, Burscough, from its junction with A59 High Lane, to its junction with Tollgate Road, Burscough in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: -

B5242 Pippin Street – B5242 Barrison Green (Scarisbrick) – B5242 Heatons Bridge Road (Scarisbrick) - B5242 Dam Wood Lane (Scarisbrick) - B5242 Hall Road (Scarisbrick) - B5242 Bescar Brow Lane (Scarisbrick) – A570 Southport Road (Scarisbrick) – A570 Southport Road (Ormskirk) – A59 County Road (Ormskirk) – A59 High Lane (Ormskirk) and vice versa.

Access for pedestrians will be maintained at all times.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing work to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative daily from 1900 hours until 0600 hours on Monday 19 December 2011 until Thursday 22 December 2011, or until completion of the works within this period.

Andrew Burrows
Public Realm Manager
Area Office, Cuerden Way, Bamber Bridge, Preston PR5 6BS
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No alternative route is available for vehicular traffic and cyclists affected by the closure.

Access to properties will be maintained wherever and whenever possible.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 0700 hours on Thursday 15 December 2011 until 1600 hours on Monday 19 December 2011, or until completion of the works if earlier.

Andrew Burrows
Public Realm Manager
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[Ref: HEM/226/8/694/HVL]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 - Article 13
APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2011/1196/COU Change of use to fishing tackle shop at 11 Gladden Place, Skelmersdale.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2011/1246/FUL Replacement dwelling including alterations to vehicular/pedestrian access at Woodside, Holly Lane, Aughton.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2011/1249/FUL Erection of a 70m high anemometry mast to obtain wind data for a temporary period of three years at Spencers House Farm, North Perimeter Road, Simonswood.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2011/1256/FUL Replacement of existing play space and kiosk with new play equipment, safety surfaces and kiosk at The Wildfowl And Wetlands Trust, Martin Mere, Fish Lane, Burscough.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2011/1199/FUL Demolition of 3 redundant hospital buildings and erection of 2 three storey buildings to provide student and key worker accommodation. Provision of car parking. (Extension of time limit for implementation of planning permission 2008/0894/FUL) at Former Hospital Buildings, Ruff Lane, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2011/1265/FUL* Enclosure of yard area to rear to form single storey extension at 9 West View, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2011/1270/FUL* Replacement UPVC windows and door to all elevations at Nursery Cottage, Maltkiln Lane, Bispham.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
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John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI
Borough Planner
Dated: 7th December 2011
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 (4) or (5) OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
PLANNING APPLICATION NO - 08/11/1283
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - UNIT 3/4
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I give notice that Armstrong's Environmental Services Ltd is applying to the Lancashire County Council for planning permission for the change of use from authorised treatment facility for end of life vehicles to processing and recycling of waste wood and virgin wood including shredding screening and storage of raw and processed materials and the siting of a 15m long weighbridge demountable offices and car parking facilities.

The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, the plans and other documents submitted with it at the Environment Directorate, Lancashire County Council, Environment and Public Protection, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD or at the Planning Department, West Lancashire Borough Council, Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk , during normal office hours until 28 December 2011.The application, plans and submitted details can also be viewed on the County Council's website www.lancashire.gov.uk/planningregister.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the County Council at the Environment Directorate, Lancashire County Council, Strategic Planning and Transport, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD, by email to DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk by 28 December 2011 or via 'Have your Say' on the County Council's website www.lancashire.gov.uk/planningregister.

Representations made by letter, email or fax including names and addresses will be placed on the application file and this is open to inspection by the applicant and general public. Representations will not be available to view on the County Councils web site.

Jo Turton, Executive Director for the Environment
On Behalf of Lancashire County Council
Date: 7 December 2011.

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PRAYER

HOLY SPIRIT

You, who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideals. You, who gave the Divine Gift to forgive and forget all that is done to me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and affirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in their perpetual glory. To that end, and submitting to God's Holy Will, I ask You *(mention your request).*

This prayer must be said for three consecutive days. After the third day the request will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish the entire dialogue as a condition of having your request granted.

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DEATHS

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BIRTHDAYS

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Peugeot stylists are 'back on form' with new 508

Road test by **David Simister**

AS the tailgate arced gracefully upward the pretty new Peugeot made perfect sense. The new 508 isn't the first estate with the option of a door that opens automatically, but it's a feature you'll appreciate if your hands are filled with, say, garden furniture.

It's a nice touch that shows the French firm's been doing its homework with its latest range of mid–range of saloons and estates. Then again, to truly shine it's got to take on not just the likes of the Mondeo and the 3–Series, and that's going to require an awful lot of swotting up.

Luckily the 508's got off to a good start before you even open the door, because it looks good. Where its immediate predecessor, the 407, divided opinion with its shark–like styling and unusual proportions, the new arrival harks back to the days of the 406 and 405, when Peugeot were regarded as the makers as some of the prettiest saloons in the business. Lithe, elegant and pleasingly proportioned, it's clear that Peugeot's stylists are back on form.

It gets even better once you get in; I've praised Peugeots of late for the quality of their cabins but this one's even better, because you get acres of space to play whether you're in the front and back.

By resisting the urge to make their estate into "a lifestyle sports tourer" (or deliberately too small for style's sake, in plain English) the company's created a genuine loadlugger for the Dobbies generation. Your luggage might as well be in a different county.

But of course the downside of it being such a big car on the outside is obvious; it's a big car on the outside too, meaning it'll be trickier to squeeze into parking spaces or to slip through narrow streets.

It's also eye–wateringly expensive towards the top of the range, with the version I tested venturing into executive car territory with its £30,000 pricetag! Expect to pay a much more reasonable £22,000 for the entry–level saloon and a grand more for the estate, which both come with 2.0 litre diesels and offer enough toys, performance and space to take on its many rivals for your money.

In fact the 508's only real problem is one that hasn't arrived yet; BMW's new 3–Series, which arrives next year. But if you want a saloon or estate that's as good to be in as it is to look at, then Peugeot's new arrival is a confident contender.

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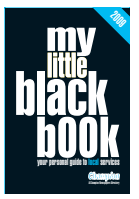

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AS the final bits of tinsel went up in The Champion office it dawned on me that it's December and Christmas is upon us. Mince pies, mulled wine, sleigh bells and BandAid are back firmly on the festive menu.

The only problem is that I'm a petrolhead – and if you're reading this column, so are you – which means running the risk of getting a petrolhead present from a non–petrolhead partner, mum or mate down the pub. Which this year will almost certainly be Duel, the latest in a long line of Jeremy Clarkson DVDs. It is the default Christmas gift if you know someone who likes their cars.

I haven't seen Duel yet but I've seen all of the fifteen or so DVDs and videos which preceded it, which have each ended up on my shelf after someone bought it me as a Christmas present. I can therefore safely bet this month's salary that Duel will contain the following; a race between some shiny new supercars, an appearance by The Stig, an unloved old car getting destroyed in a new and novel way and an analogy which winds up at least one celebrity. It is Police Academy 7 following Police Academy 6.

You could, of course, get the petrolhead in your life something for Christmas which isn't Clarkson's DVD; how about, for instance, a Land Rover branded lambswool wrap? Or a set of BMW–branded Bluetooth earphones? Or the oldest festive favourite of all, a Ferrari–branded baseball cap? There is no more surefire way of letting people passing you in the street that you can't afford the car you're advertising at your own expense. Car–branded gifts are not cool. Don't do it.

Buying Christmas gifts for petrolheads can be a tricky business.

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I await my DVD–shaped Christmas present from Santa later this month…

Focus ST given Sweeney role

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Ford has confirmed that the new Focus ST will be appearing alongside Ray Winstone and Plan B in a feature–length remake of The Sweeney, the classic police procedural starring John Thaw and Dennis Waterman. The company said its new model, which goes on sale next year and musters up 250bhp from a 2.0 litre turbocharged engine, will be powerful enough to ensure the film's crooks "will always struggle to make a clean getaway".

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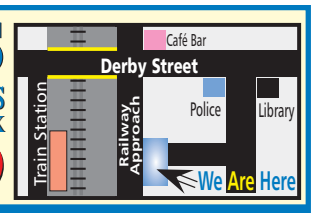

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Y **FIAT PUNTO 1.2 MIA 5-Dr** silver, PAS, c/l £995

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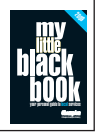

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Total Amount Payable.....£5,220

0% APR REPRESENTATIVE

05 PLATE — £89 Per Month NO DEPOSIT & NO INTEREST

Suzuki Alto 1.1 GL

Cash Price.....£5,340
Deposit.....£0
60 Monthly Payments of.....£89
Interest Charges.....0%
Total Amount Payable.....£5,340

0% APR REPRESENTATIVE

06 PLATE — £89 Per Month NO DEPOSIT & NO INTEREST

Citroen Xsara Picasso 1.6 Desire

Cash Price.....£5,340
Deposit.....£0
60 Monthly Payments of.....£89
Interest Charges.....0%
Total Amount Payable.....£5,340

0% APR REPRESENTATIVE

07 PLATE — £94 Per Month NO DEPOSIT & NO INTEREST

Fiat Grande Punto 1.4 Active

Cash Price.....£5,640
Deposit.....£0
60 Monthly Payments of.....£94
Interest Charges.....0%
Total Amount Payable.....£5,640

0% APR REPRESENTATIVE

09 PLATE — £99 Per Month NO DEPOSIT & NO INTEREST

Chevrolet 1.2 Aveo 5dr

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Interest Charges.....0%
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Total Amount Payable.....£7,740

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55 PLATE — £139 Per Month NO DEPOSIT & NO INTEREST

Suzuki Grand Vitara XL Diesel 7 Seat

Cash Price.....£8,340
Deposit.....£0
60 Monthly Payments of.....£139
Interest Charges.....0%
Total Amount Payable.....£8,340

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2010 REG'D — £139 Per Month NO DEPOSIT & NO INTEREST

Fiat 500 1.2 Pop

Cash Price.....£8,340
Deposit.....£0
60 Monthly Payments of.....£139
Interest Charges.....0%
Total Amount Payable.....£8,340

0% APR REPRESENTATIVE

2010 REG'D — £139 Per Month NO DEPOSIT & NO INTEREST

Peugeot 107 Urban

Cash Price.....£8,340
Deposit.....£0
60 Monthly Payments of.....£139
Interest Charges.....0%
Total Amount Payable.....£8,340

0% APR REPRESENTATIVE

59 PLATE — £149 Per Month NO DEPOSIT & NO INTEREST

Citroen C3 Picasso 1.4 VTR+

Cash Price.....£8,940
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Interest Charges.....0%
Total Amount Payable.....£8,940

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59 PLATE — £109 Per Month NO DEPOSIT & NO INTEREST

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Deposit.....£0
60 Monthly Payments of.....£109
Interest Charges.....0%
Total Amount Payable.....£6,540

0% APR REPRESENTATIVE

58 PLATE — £119 Per Month NO DEPOSIT & NO INTEREST

VW Polo Match

Cash Price.....£7,140
Deposit.....£0
60 Monthly Payments of.....£119
Interest Charges.....0%
Total Amount Payable.....£7,140

0% APR REPRESENTATIVE

59 PLATE — £129 Per Month NO DEPOSIT & NO INTEREST

Hyundai i10 ES

Cash Price.....£7,740
Deposit.....£0
60 Monthly Payments of.....£129
Interest Charges.....0%
Total Amount Payable.....£7,740

0% APR REPRESENTATIVE

10 PLATE — £129 Per Month NO DEPOSIT & NO INTEREST

Citroen C3 1.4 VTR

Cash Price.....£7,740
Deposit.....£0
60 Monthly Payments of.....£129
Interest Charges.....0%
Total Amount Payable.....£7,740

0% APR REPRESENTATIVE

07 PLATE — £129 Per Month NO DEPOSIT & NO INTEREST

Citroen Grand C4 Picasso VTR+

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58 PLATE — £149 Per Month NO DEPOSIT & NO INTEREST

Peugeot 207 SW 1.4 5dr

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Deposit.....£0
60 Monthly Payments of.....£149
Interest Charges.....0%
Total Amount Payable.....£8,940

0% APR REPRESENTATIVE

59 PLATE — £169 Per Month NO DEPOSIT & NO INTEREST

Hyundai i30 Premium

Cash Price.....£10,140
Deposit.....£0
60 Monthly Payments of.....£169
Interest Charges.....0%
Total Amount Payable.....£10,140

0% APR REPRESENTATIVE

2010 REG'D — £179 Per Month NO DEPOSIT & NO INTEREST

Peugeot 308 S 1.6 HDI

Cash Price.....£10,740
Deposit.....£0
60 Monthly Payments of.....£179
Interest Charges.....0%
Total Amount Payable.....£10,740

0% APR REPRESENTATIVE

11 PLATE — £239 Per Month NO DEPOSIT & NO INTEREST

Kia Soul 2 1.6 CRDI

Cash Price.....£14,340
Deposit.....£0
60 Monthly Payments of.....£239
Interest Charges.....0%
Total Amount Payable.....£14,340

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10 PLATE — £269 Per Month NO DEPOSIT & NO INTEREST

Peugeot 3008 1.6 Hdi Crossover

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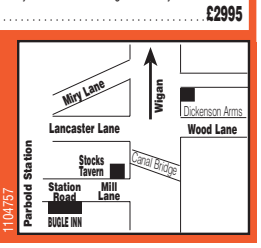

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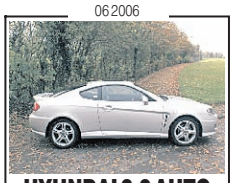

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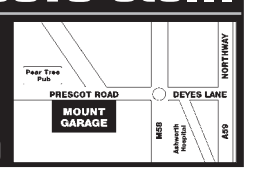

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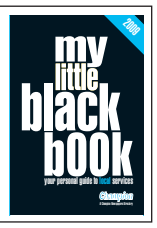

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United sign up former England Under 18 player

SKELMERSDALE United signed former England Under 18 midfielder, James Thomas from Prescot Cables last week,*writes Neil Leatherbarrow*.

The 26–year–old is known for having a cultured left–foot and has previously played for Vauxhall Motors, Caernarfon Town and Warrington.

He has played down under, for Dandenong Thunder in Melbourne and in the New Zealand professional league.

United manager Tommy Lawson said: "James arrives with a glowing reference from Prescot manager Dave Ridler, and I ma delighted to have signed him."

Thomas might well bring some additional fun to the dressing room as his nickname is 'Smiler.'

Two goals from two shots as Skem see red

Woodley Sports 2
Skelmersdale United 1

UNITED were left cursing their luck as the home team produced a pair of quality goals to take all the points.

Matters didn't start well for Skelmersdale as Rob McIntosh had to depart with injury inside four minutes.

On the quarter hour United were caught out by a wonderful through ball from Jack Dorney that found Jordan Stepien who slotted the ball past keeper Sam Ashton from 15 yards.

Skelmersdale went on the attack and a 27th minute long ball was helped on by Shaun Tuck to Phil Mooney, who was tripped by Darren Stephenson. Tuck fired home the penalty.

Martin Crowder's finely weighted long–ball found Mark Houghton in a central position, home keeper Chris Kennings came out to challenge but Houghton flicked the ball into space behind him, Kettings crashed into Houghton denying him a clear run on goal.

The result was a red card and Stepien took over in goal as the free–kick, Tuck thumped the foot of the post. In the 67th minute Woodley striker John Marsden unleashed a thunderbolt shot low into the corner.

Ten minutes later frustration got the better of Tuck and his tussle with Ricky Anane brought a red card.

Linnets fail to make most of one man advantage

Burscough 2
Rushall Olympic 4

TEN men Rushall Olympic came from behind twice to beat Burscough.

Early in the game, a towering header from Decio Gomes almost found its way in but for a goal line clearance from Burscough's Joe Comozzi.

The home side then counter attacked and it was Conor Roberts who played in Paul Williams to coolly place it past Chris Gemmell at his near post to open the scoring on 15 minutes.

Things then got worse for the visitors as Luke Bottomer was then sent off on 25 minutes after violent conduct.

Right on half time, their fortunes changed after substitute Louis Keenan hit a thunderous volley which looped over Connor Roberts and off the underside of the bar for the equaliser.

Burscough regained the lead just after half–time as a Conor Roberts free kick just outside the box was too hot to handle for Gemmell.

Defender Phil Quirk was on hand to bundle in the rebound to make it 2–1.

The visitors brought the scores level again as Sean Platt converted from the spot.

Rushall then took the lead as a header from defender Jonathan Haynes lobbed Roberts to make the score 3–2.

Olympic made it 4–2 five minutes later, when substitute Alan Wilkes curled his shot beautifully past Roberts to effectively kill the game off and take the points to Rushall.

Maghull cup win

GOALS from Brad Smart and Paul Keenan saw Maghull through to the semi finals of the Wirral Senior Cup against Cammell Lairds.

Brad Smart netted from close range after only six minutes but Lairds equalised 15 minutes later when Kris Hesketh scored directly from a corner. Two minutes before the break Keenan restored Maghull's advantage when he headed home a free kick. and despite numerous second half opportunities to increase their lead the score remained unchanged at the final whistle.

Despite looking the better side and being without several key players Maghull Reserves were defeated by a solitary Mark Ryan strike in their league encounter at Capenhurst.

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